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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The rejoinders of the European powers to President Castro's reply to their arbitration proposal have not reached Washington. —— Woollen mills at Knoxville announce a reduction of hours of labor without cutting wages. —— President Roosevelt's New Year reception was a brilliant event. —— An ejectment suit involving title to land valued at over ten million dollars is to be tried in the U. S. court at Abingdon, Va. —— Miss Clara Sweeting was shot and killed near Pensacola, Fla., by a boy; the shooting was accidental. —— Wm. Jennings Bryan leaves Mexico to-day on his return home. —— Bubonic plague has broken out afresh at Mazatlan, Mexico, and people are fleeing from the city. —— Fifty-eight lives lost in a fire in a coal mine in Russia. —— Germany regards President Castro's reply to the powers as an unqualified acceptance of the arbitration proposal. —— King Edward was proclaimed Emperor of India with imposing ceremony at Delhi. —— Near Deatsville, Ala., Mrs. B. Lane, a white woman, shot and killed a negro robber. —— Jack O'Brien whipped Al. Weinig in twelve rounds at Buffalo, N. Y

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 1

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature: 8 A. M., 43 degrees 8 P. M., 58 degrees; maximum, 62 degrees, minimum, 41 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since 1st of month to date, trace.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 5.8 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—For North Carolina: Rain Friday. Saturday fair and cooler; fresh northeast winds, becoming brisk on the coast, shifting to the southeast.

Port Almanac—January 2.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.00 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 50 M.
High Water at Southport.	10.10 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	12.40 A. M.

It took several stockings to hold the Pope's Christmas gifts. There were 32,000 of them, and they aggregated in value $2,500,000.

The original Indiana man seems to have been a pretty well grown sort of a fellow. They have struck a pre-historic grave yard on a farm and dug up a lot of skeletons of people who were eight feet or more in height.

There are according to Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior 269,000 Indians now in this country. This is fewer than there were ten years ago, but more, it is said, than there were when the Pilgrim Fathers treked to this side.

The car building shops in this country turned out this year 164,547 railroad cars, not counting electric railway cars, 25,542 more than last year and 45 000 more than in 1900. There were built 4,070 locomotives against 3 384 last year.

Chicago is making preparations to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its permanent settlement in September. The first permanent settler, John Kinzie, who settled there in 1803, is permanently dead but they will celebrate all the same.

A wealthy North Dakota farmer visiting his old bailiwick in Connecticut was so stuck on the pie he revelled in that he hunted up the cook, married her and took her back with him. He wanted to be sure of the continuation of that kind of pie.

A young Porto Rican in this country says the bad government in the island is caused by "American adventurers and native renegades," a sort of combination of the carpet-bagger and scalawag similar to that which performed in the South during the reconstruction era.

And now the Texas negro politicians are demanding that President Roosevelt recognize their claims to some of the official pap. They want him to make that a condition in the appointment of a man who wants to be U. S. Marshal for the Western district.

The Chicago Board of Health has been testing the effectiveness of lemon juice as a typhoid germ destroyer, a discovery made by an English physician, with results entirely satisfactory. It is said that a teaspoonful of juice to half a glass of water will kill every germ in it.

Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake rises to remark that there is no good reason why a woman should not support a husband if she thinks he is worthy. But the able-bodied man who could support himself and would let his wife do it wouldn't belong to the worthy class.

AFTER SEWERAGE COMPANY.

Original Subscribers to Service Will Fight Advance Over Old Rates—Notice from Philadelphia Office.

Attention is called to an advertisement in another column for a meeting of original subscribers to the service of the Wilmington Sewerage Company to be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon at 4 o'clock for the consideration of an important matter.

The number of property owners concerned is understood to be about 190 and the purpose of the meeting is to consider what action may be taken in a matter regarded as an imposition upon the class of subscribers named. Before its reorganization by Philadelphia capitalists some time ago the company had subscribers to its service upon of a basis of a cash connection fee of $35 and $50 and dues of $4 and $3, respectively, each year thereafter. These subscribers have paid the connection fees and had been paying the yearly dues prescribed until Jan. 1st, 1903, after which date notice has been received from the Philadelphia office of the company that they will be charged from four to five times as much as formerly. They had understood that their contracts with the old company would not be disturbed, the dues having been paid the first year under the new regime as usual.

An informal meeting of a few of the subscribers interested was held yesterday morning and the plan of action outlined above was decided upon.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Charleston, S. C., is agitating the "loan office question" with a view to correcting the usury laws of the State.

— The lost piece of a lady's fur cape, advertised in the STAR yesterday, was brought in last evening. The STAR generally fetches 'em.

— Advertisers who wish their announcements to appear Sunday will confer a favor on the STAR by handing in their "copy" to-day.

— Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., will deliver the last of a series of three lectures at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Subject: "Selfish Living."

— The railroad offices, banks and many other places of business suspended operations yesterday for the New Year holiday. Many of the retail stores closed for half the day only.

— Past District Deputy H. J. Gerken, of the Grand Lodge of Elks, yesterday received by telegraph from Grand Secretary Geo. A. Reynolds, of Saginaw, Mich., a very happy New Year greeting.

— Mr. Robert J. Brady, the well known brickmason and contractor, has been awarded the contract for building the new power house for the C. R., L & P. Co. on lower Castle street. The foundations are all ready for the new structure.

— The record of marriage licenses issued by the Register of Deeds during December was broken the past month, the number having been 51—to white couples, 28; colored, 23. In December, 1901, only 44 licenses were issued.

— No tidings were received yesterday of the steamer *City of Fayetteville*, which is expected to arrive in port at any hour. It is expected that she has put in at Georgetown, S. C., awaiting favorable weather to proceed.

— Capt. W. P. Oldham, manager of the local exchange of the Inter State Telephone and Telegraph Co., received a telegram from Durham yesterday, stating that the company's switchboard in the exchange in that city had been burned in a fire Wednesday night. The damage by the fire was about $6,000, fully covered by insurance.

HARMONY CIRCLE LAST NIGHT.

Annual Christmas Ball Was a Brilliant One—Supper at Midnight.

The annual Christmas ball of Harmony Circle took place last night in the handsomely appointed hall of that popular organization, in the MacRae building, on Front street, and was attended by a large measure of success. The decorations were very pretty and suggestive of the holidays. The music was by Hollowbush's Orchestra and the dance was participated in by a large number of young people. The costumes worn by the ladies were charming and every other environment contributed to the splendor and brilliancy of the occasion.

At midnight an elegant supper was served and the festivities were kept up until an early hour this morning.

The Misses Emerson Entertained.

The Misses Emerson gave a delightful reception from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to 7 o'clock last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Emerson, No. 510 Dock street. Later in the evening a number of friends were entertained at cards.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Robert G. Grady—Notice.
W. B. Cooper—Nitrate soda.
Wilmington Sewerage Co.—Notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Welsbach goods at cost.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

Delightful New Year's Event Last Night Under Auspices of Ladies' Auxiliary.

NEARLY 600 WERE PRESENT.

Annual Entertainment for the Public. Refreshments Served, Music Programme Observed and All Departments Thrown Open.

The "New Year's Open House reception" at the Y. M. C. A. from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to 10 o'clock last night was a most charming affair indeed. It was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary and it is estimated that between five and six hundred guests called during those hours. The visitors were graciously received by the ladies and served with delicious refreshments, after which they were privileged to visit each department of the Association building and interest themselves in the great work being accomplished among the young men of the city by Secretary Charles Dushan and his colaborers.

From "cellar to garret," figuratively speaking, the splendid Association building was profusely decorated with palms, holly, bamboo, smilax and various kinds of flowers and plants. The refreshments were served by the ladies in the library room and consisted of sandwiches, cocoa, coffee, tea, cakes, etc. This feature of the reception was easily the most elaborate and pretty of the many receptions held at the Y. M. C. A. in several years.

During the progress of the affair an impromptu programme of music was observed in the parlors of the building. There were several vocal contributions by Misses Rena Mills, Maude Bullock and Clara Woodward with Mrs. Mattie Chasten, Miss Cannie Chasten and Miss Lucy Robinson as accompanists. The numbers were all charmingly rendered and were received with great pleasure by those present.

Another feature of the entertainment was a basket ball game in the gymnasium between picked teams captained by Messrs. N. M. Hunt and Wilbur Doscher. The game was won by the first named team in a score of 22 to 11. The contest was witnessed by about a hundred interested spectators.

The Ladies' Auxiliary scored a most gratifying success in the reception and the various committees and Secretary Dushan are deserving of unbounded praise for their efforts. The reception committee had for its chairman Mrs. C. C. Covington, who spared no pains to make the event one of cordiality and great pleasure. Mrs. Mitt Moore was at the head of the committee in charge of refreshments and the excellent manner in which the duties in that department were discharged, has been referred to above. Mrs. M. H. P. Clark was chairman of the committee on decorations and the transformation wrought by the artistic arrangement of the plants and flowers was indeed beautiful.

WILMINGTON LODGE, ODD FELLOWS.

Officers Installed for Ensuing Term at Meeting Last Night.

At the regular meeting last night of Wilmington Lodge No. 139, I. O. O. F., the following officers were installed by Deputy Grand Master K. W. Jewell to serve during the ensuing term:

N. G.—E. Y. Davis.
V. G.—P. H. Murphy.
R. S.—W. O. Smith.
F. S.—R. H. Northrop.
Treasurer—J. T. King.
O. G.—E. D. Craig.
I. G.—W. M. Hunt.
Conductor—J. W. Batson.
Warden—L. O. Ellis.
R. S. to N. G.—Wm. Sheehan.
L. S. to N. G.—J. J. Craig.
R. S. to V. G.—W. J. Meredith.
L. S. to V. G.—T. G. Landin.
R. S. S.—R. H. Shew.
L. S. S.—M. Guildbranson.
Chaplain—K. W. Jewell.

The installation services were very impressive and were attended by a large number Odd Fellows.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Live Oak Camp No 6 Installed New Officers at Meeting Last Night.

Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, at its regular meeting last night installed officers for the ensuing term as follows:

Con. Com.—J. D. Webster.
Banker—W. H. Howell.
Clerk—Geo. C. Jackson.
Escort—A. H. Werdon.
Watchman—Jas H. Barruss.
Sentry—E. C. Yarborough.
Managers—Jno. E. Wood, J. W. Fleet and W. G. A. Otersen.
Camp Physicians—C. D. Bell, D. W. Bullock and C. T. Harper.
Delegates to Head Camp—W. H. Howell and Geo. C. Jackson.

The Head Camp meets in Kinston, N. C, on the second Tuesday in March and will be largely attended.

Police Statistics.

During the past month the police made 91 arrests, 60 of the defendants having been colored and 31 white. December with its holidays is usually a busy month with the police but this year there was an exception to the rule. Christmas was remarkably quiet so far as drunkenness and disorder was concerned.

— British steamer *Riverton*, hence for Bremen with cargo of 10,839 bales cotton, passed out at Southport at 7:15 A. M. yesterday.

EXPRESSION FROM ATTACHES.

Lessees of Academy of Music Remembered in a Substantial Way by Their Assistants at the Theatre.

Messrs. Cowan Bros., lessees of the Academy of Music, were the recipients yester of a very handsome New Year's gift as a token of the esteem in which they are held by the attaches of the theatre from whom it came. The gift is a very handsome heater for the lobby of the Academy and it was all ready for use yesterday when the Messrs. Cowan were summoned to the building, ostensibly on a business mission. Imagine their surprise when they found themselves in the lobby surrounded by their associates in Wilmington's greatest amusement enterprise, and found that the summons came for a generous and unprecedented act, the presentation of the substantial token.

Mr. Jno. W. Blomme presented the gift in an exceedingly happy manner, saying: "It becomes my pleasant duty to present to you in behalf of the attaches of the Academy of Music this heater, as a New Year's gift. In making this presentation I assure you that the gentlemen, who compose your staff, hold you in the very highest regard and esteem, and are ever ready and willing to see that the rules and regulations of your theatre are carried out. We trust that you will accept this gift with as much pleasure as it affords us to give it. We sincerely wish you a happy and prosperous New Year."

Both Messrs. James H. and Robert H. Cowan responded appreciatively to the words of Mr. Blomme and the expression through him from the staff.

The dressing rooms of the theatre were only recently furnished with splendid heaters by Messrs. Cowan Bros., so that the theatre is now more comfortably equipped than ever before.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

Receipts During the Month of December. The Official Statement.

The usual monthly statement of the receipts and exports of cotton and naval stores at the port of Wilmington for the month of December is printed in the commercial columns of the STAR to-day.

The gain in receipts of cotton during the month is about 10,000 bales, with a little larger increase in foreign and domestic exports. The receipts for the crop year to date are 274,107 bales, against 214,704 bales during a corresponding period last year.

The statement of the receipts of naval stores during the month shows a net gain in all items except tar, in which there is now only a slight decrease.

A compilation of the receipts of cotton for the calendar year just ended shows that 1902 was a record breaker, with 343,816 bales. The nearest approach to this figure was the year 1898, when 322,438 bales were received. All other calendar years fell short of 300,000 bales, the year 1901 having been 250,498 bales, or 87,318 behind 1902. Of course, it must be borne in mind that these figures do not apply to the crop year from Sept. 1st, 1902, to Sept. 1st, 1903.

MATINEE AND NIGHT PERFORMANCE.

Two Splendid Productions at Academy of Music To-morrow.

The Academy will offer to-morrow two performances of "Peck's Bad Boy," and inclement weather will be the only preventative of a record-breaking house at the matinee. For this performance the prices have been reduced to only 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults. At night low prices will also prevail—10 to 50 cents. Seats for the night performance will be placed on sale at Plummer's this morning.

Some may think that on account of the small prices the company is an inferior one, but the management emphatically says such is not the case. The prices were reduced for the simple reason that Messrs. Cowan Bros. do not desire for the Academy patrons to pay the usual prices unless the production is up to their high standard. However, "Peck's Bad Boy" will please each and everyone who sees it, though it will not be of the great magnificence of "The Village Postmaster," "An Eye For An Eye," "Arizona," and the like to be presented at the Academy this month.

JUNIOR ORDER, AMERICAN MECHANICS.

Installation of Officers by Jeff Davis Council Last Night—Refreshments.

Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Jr. O. U. A. M. last night installed officers for the ensuing six months as follows:

C.—C. W. Craig.
V. C.—J. A. Jordan.
R. S.—Jno. E. Wood.
A. R. S.—T. W. Brown.
F. S.—G. C. Simmons.
Treasurer.—Jno. Thomas.
Conductor.—E P. Dudley.
Warden.—C. J. McKeithan.
I. S.—D. F. Saunders.
O. S.—R. F. Rowan.
Chaplain.—Jno. Thomas.
Trustee.—Jno. E. Wood.

Representatives to State Council at High Point, Feb. 18.—Jno. E. Wood and A. J. Hewlett; alternate, William J. Bellamy.

The officers were installed by Deputy State Councillor William J. Bellamy and after the exercises refreshments were served under the direction of Mr. Jno. E. Wood.

— Mr. Lewis Hancock, of New York, is at his old home to recuperate from a recent very severe illness.

CHRISTMAS AFFAIRS.

New Year's Night a Season of Rejoicing With Several Sunday Schools.

PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENTS.

Masquerading the Order in Many Sections. At Southside Baptist and the Second Advent Churches—Creditable Exercises at Each—Gifts.

Holiday entertainments, both private and public, were again the order last night, the close of the first day of the new year. Masquerading was a feature at many of the private affairs while Christmas trees and appropriate holiday exercises were the features of the public entertainments, with the exception of the elaborate New Year's reception at the Young Men's Christian Association under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The annual entertainment at Southside was perhaps the most elaborate of the church events. The auditorium was packed with merry young people and many of the older ones, too, and the exercises were a genuine credit to all who had part in their arrangement and observance. The decorations and stage scenes were very fine and great credit in this respect is due to Mrs. Jno. F. Littleton, who designed and carried them out. The numbers on the programme were announced by Mr. Jno. F. Littleton and each was received with great applause. The programme was as follows:

Voluntary, "Holy, Holy, Holy," by the school.
"The Song of Christmas" (standing).
Prayer by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Paul.
Song, "Because It is Christmas," by the school.
Address of Welcome, by Superintendent J. S. Canady.
Introduction of Santa Claus by Miss Alice Curtis.
"Origin of Christmas," told by Jno. W. Brown.
"The Violets and Rainbow," Misses Jeanie Burruss, Belle Thomas, Margaret Paul, Mary Moore, Willie Hall, Vera Burruss, Cecil Gore, violets; Essie Greenewald, Ruth Canady, Jennie Thomas, Lottie Fales, May Mason, Mollie Holton, forming a rainbow.
Recitation, "A Voice from the Poor House," by Miss Minnie Canady.
Duet, "Christmas Song," by Misses Alice Curtis and Pauline Canady.
"A Little Tot's Recitation," by Miss Margaret Paul.
"My Christmas Dolly," by Miss Belle Thomas.
"The Creed of the Bells," by Misses Tisha Aman, Alice Curtis, Lillie Coble, Fannie Holton, Jennie Thomas, Bevy Fales, Pauline Canady.
Recitation, "A Swarm of Bees Worth Hiving," by Tommie Batson.
"The Dawning of the Year" by Misses Bertha DeVane, January; Annie Sykes, February; Rowena McKeithan, March; Ollie DeVane, April; Florence Everett, May; Effie Curtis, June; Kate Swann, July; Lillie Parker, August; Ida Taylor, September; Mabel Littleton, October; Minnie Canady, November; Ethel Thayer, December.
"Counting the Cost," Messrs. Adrian and Jessie Canady.
"There's No Place Like Home" by an invisible choir.
Tableaux. "Faith, Hope and Charity," with electrical effects; "Faith," Miss Mabel Littleton, leaning on white cross; "Hope," Miss Lillie Parker, clinging to an anchor, and "Charity," Miss Effie Curtis, with little Miss Jennie Burruss kneeling at her feet. Nine other young ladies occupying positions of devotion.
Collection for Yates Memorial fund with explanatory remarks by the pastor.
Arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus with interesting curtain lecture by the latter. Appearance of Fairy and distribution of gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus impersonated by Messrs. J. H. Curtis and M. M. Parker, respectively.
Organist—Mrs. W. T. Mercer.

Decorations designed and carried out by Mrs. J. F. Littleton.

At the Second Advent Church.

As usual the exercises at the Second Advent church, Sixth and Church streets, were very elaborate and pleasing. The decorations were handsome and the building was packed to its utmost capacity for the event. The programme rendered was as follows, the accompaniments on the organ having been skilfully rendered by Miss Theodocia Grant:

Recitation, "You May Think it Wise," by Espy Baldwin.
Greeting Song by eight girls.
Recitation, "The New Year," by Serena Mott.
"The Story of the Cross," by Fossie Walton and Maggie McCabe.
Selection by Estella Minor.
A dialogue by four children.
"Shameful Birth," by Espy Baldwin.
"The Light of Life" by six children.
"My Faith Looks up to Thee," by Rosa Stephens.
Song, "Do You Know the Song," by group of children.
Recitation, "An Appeal," by Gladys Britton.
Recitation, "Santa Claus," by Bessie Harvey.
"They Rolled the Stone Away," by Fannie Walton and Maggie McCabe.
"I do not like to hear him pray," by Lena King.
"The Saviour's Birth," by Gracie King.
Song by Sion Woody and Gracie King.
Eight Living Pictures: "Christian Graces," "Studying the Word of the Lord," "Eli and Samuel," "Ruth, Naomi and Orpha," "Watching For His Coming," "Daniel in the Lion's Den," "Daniel Makes the Lion Roar," introducing a dummy lion which would open its mouth and roar at convenient occasions. "Santa Claus"

At the close of the programme the Rev. J. P. King addressed the audience and invited the children to come forward and receive gifts from two pretty trees, loaded down with more than 500 presents, from two to five for each child in the house.

Millinery Class Opening.

Madame L. Connelly's millinery class opened yesterday, in Masonic Temple, room No. 14. All who expect to attend, should do so at once, as the course will last only a month, and she wishes to give each pupil the full benefit. Night class at 7 o'clock.

THE GOLF LINKS YESTERDAY.

Annual New Year's Handicap Tournament for Men Won by Mr. S. W. Merrell. The Scores in Detail.

The weather and all other conditions were quite favorable yesterday for the annual handicap tournament for men on the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club. Play commenced at 10:15 A. M. and continued through the afternoon, eighteen holes having been played or twice around the course. The first prize—a handsome silver loving cup—was won by Mr. S. W. Merrell while the second trophy—a miniature silver cup—went to Mr. George L. Peschau. The scores, net and gross with handicap, were as follows:

	Gross	Handicap.	Net.
S. W. Merrell	134	32	102
Geo. L. Peschau	131	24	107
J. K. Williams	121	12	109
Henry C. Bridgers	109	0	109
Geo. W. Brunson	142	32	110
Geo. Rountree	113	0	113
A. S. Williams	114	0	114
Chas. McMillen	116	0	116
Hugh MacRae	117	0	117
M. F. H. Gouverneur	131	14	117
W. W. Merrell	135	14	131
J. J. Blair	122	0	122
W. H. Foster	151	24	127

The contest was spirited and was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The tournament was perhaps the greatest success of any yet given and aroused a deep interest among club members and their friends.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Rev. D. P. McGeachy, of Burgaw, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. J. Q. Beckwith and bride have returned from Norfolk, Va., and are guests at Mrs. J. J. Bowden's.

— Miss Edna Gasque, of Marion, S. C., has returned home after a delightful visit to her sister, Mrs. H. C. Twining.

— Mr. W. M. Atkinson, of the U. S. Geodetic Survey, who has been spending the holidays in Wilmington, left yesterday morning for Jersey City, to join the U. S. S. *Bache*.

— Misses Ida and Louise Evans, Miss Murchison, Miss Amoret Wooten and Miss Mary Payne returned to St. Mary's College in time to be present at roll call on New Year's morning.

— The numerous friends of Mr. J. A. McGeachy will be glad to know that he has resumed his duties with the banking house of Hugh MacRae & Co., after an extended illness. The past several weeks he spent with his brother, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, of Burgaw.

RALEIGH NEGROES "RESOLUTE."

Emancipation Celebration—Supreme Court Justices Sworn In.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 1.—In a series of resolutions adopted by the negroes in celebrating Emancipation day here, while the people are urged to cease from mob violence and subdue a growing tendency to mob negroes, regardless of who is in the wrong, the declaration is made that since the adoption of the constitutional amendment mob violence has increased. "In the eastern part of the State," says the resolution, "we note since their disfranchisement that several negroes have been shot down in cold blood by parties known but who are still unwhipped of justice. We note also that Jim Crow cars are unequal, ill-kept, and frequently used as drinking places by white men ashamed to handle the bottles in their own cars." President Roosevelts policy in behalf of equal civil and political rights to all classes is commended, and it is ordered that President Roosevelt be sent a copy of the resolutions as the sentiment of negro citizens of North Carolina.

The oath of office as Chief Justice of of the North Carolina Supreme Court was administered to Judge Walter Clark to-day by Wm. Russ, clerk of Wake Superior Court. Associate Justices H. G. Connor and Platt D. Walker were sworn in at their respective homes, Wilson and Charlotte.

SENSATION AT KINSTON, N. C.

Williamston Authorities Ask for Arrest of Prominent Travelling Salesman.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

KINSTON, January 1.—A telegraphic request from Williamston, N. C., officials to officials here to arrest R. L. Gardner for seduction and murder, created a sensation here this morning. Gardner was a travelling salesman, widely known in Eastern Carolina, and made Kinston his headquarters. He represented Jeffreys & Shelton, of Richmond, Va. A gentleman here saw Gardner in Richmond on Sunday last at the Murphy Hotel, and was told by Gardner that he would leave that evening for Beaumont, Texas. Particulars are meager, but it is learned that Gardner's victim was a young woman prominently connected at Williamston and that her death, which occurred on the 21st of December, was due to the effects of medicine taken, supplied by Gardner. Gardner is about five feet eight inches high, of slender build, and weighs about 140 pounds. He is cleanly shaved, has laughsng blue eyes, and is of pleasing countenance.

Those Liquor Licenses.

By authority vested in him at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners Wednesday, Chairman D. McEachern yesterday approved the few applications for liquor licenses that were left over for the correction of defects, with the exception of that of Frank B. Brown, Ninth and Bladen streets, which was not in proper form late yesterday afternoon.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

CHRISTMAS AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Address by Rev. F. M. Shamburger at Fifth Street M. E. Church.

In his address to the Sunday school of Fifth Street M. E. church upon the occasion of its annual Christmas entertainment Wednesday night, Rev. F. M. Shamburger, the new and already popular pastor of the congregation, said in part:

In point of time and service, I am a stranger to Fifth Street church and Sunday school and the people of Wilmington, but, in fact, on account of the warm heartedness with which we have been received I feel very much at home in your midst.

This is a time of rejoicing and this is a festive occasion. Christmas, with its festivities, comes and goes to many of us with greater rapidity than it once did. I do not mean to say that we are old—far be such an intimation from me—for we are all young together to-night, as we celebrate the coming into the world of the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Nineteen hundred years ago, a day dawned upon earth that will never end, a sun arose that will never set. Its approach was signalled by a new star and the orchestra of heaven rendered memorable its advent by strains of celestial music that caught the ear of the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night, saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

We live under the warming, cheering rays of the Son of righteousness to-day. Our years are rapidly passing by. As we stand on the border of the old year, in the midst of its dying echoes, we would review the past freighted with historic significance and seasons of rejoicing and filled with innocent life and good will to all mankind, we would greet the dawn of the new year, and reach out to grasp its opportunities with larger views and more buoyant hearts. In the name of our Lord and in consideration of the advent of His Son into the world to save it from sin, I extend to you my heart's greetings and good wishes abundant.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the next General Assembly for the passage of an Act granting a charter to the Elizabeth City and Carolina Through Line Railroad Co., (or other name suggested at time of making application) to build a railroad from Wilmington, N. C., to Elizabeth City, N. C.

January 1st, 1903.

Jan 2 1m ROBERT G. GRADY.

Nitrate Soda.

WE OFFER

25,000 Pounds Nitrate Soda

From Schooner Mellie Trooper, $46.00 ton; 3c pound for less than ton.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
jan 2 tf Wilmington, N. C.

NOTICE.

At an informal meeting of a number of subscribers of the Wilmington Sewerage Company on the basis of having paid $35 and $50 for connections and $3 and $4 per year dues, it was decided that the interest of us all required prompt and united action in order that our rights might be protected. These subscribers are urged to meet this (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock in Chamber of Commerce rooms, Old Atlantic Building, on Princess street. jan 2 1t

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE R. R. CO.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30th, 1902.

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company have declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent on the common capital stock of that company. Dividend due and payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, N. C., on and after January 10th, 1903. The transfer books will stand closed from December 31st, 1902, to January 10th, 1903.

JAMES F. POST,
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Important Notice.

We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

Rhine Wine, Vintage		1898,	per gal.,	$1.00
Port	" "	1900,	" "	1.00
Claret	" "	1900,	" "	1.00
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Samples FREE at store.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2.

THE MEAT SUPPLY DIMINISHING.

The impression is among those who give attention to such matters that the prices of meat will be higher in the future than they have been in the past for the reason that the supply of animals for slaughter is diminishing while the population of the meat-eating countries is increasing. To what extent this is going on is partially shown in the following, which we clip from the Philadelphia *Press*:

European countries, excluding Great Britain, have less than 300,000,000 head of cattle, sheep, goats and hogs with which to feed 310,000,000 persons. The United States, with a population only about one-fifth that of all Europe, has 65 per cent. as many cattle, 45 per cent. as many sheep, and nearly as many hogs. The live stock supply of Europe is much less now than formerly, while the population is much greater. France had 188 head of live stock in 1875 for each 1,000 acres of land, while now she has only 164, although there has been an increase in population. Denmark has dropped from 197 head to 115. Germany has only one-third as many sheep as she had twenty-five years ago, and has lost in cattle per capita. Holland, Switzerland and some other countries make a worse showing. Even where there has been an increase in live stock it has been much less proportionately than the increase in population.

This deficiency in live stock in Europe has caused a great demand on the United States, Australia and South America to make up the supply. But Australia has had a remarkable decrease in the number of its sheep in a few years. The United States had more milch cows in 1892 than it had in 1900, and over 9,000,000 more oxen and other cattle in 1890 than in 1900. There has been a large decline in sheep and swine, and at the same time there has been a very large increase in the population. The Western lands used for live stock have been taken up largely by farmers, and altogether no prospect of such a surplus of animals for food as formerly existed, and this situation will not improve much, as the land can be used for greater profit than that of stock raising.

The European people are the greatest meat eating people of the old world, those of them who can afford to buy it, although none of them can compare with Americans in this respect. When the average European learns that the average American eats meat three times a day, if he likes it well enough to eat it that often, he is incredulous. He doesn't understand how the working man in America can have meat so often when the European workman has to scuffle to get it once a day if so often. Even now meat in Europe is the food of the rich and well-to-do and it will become still more so as the sources of supply become more contracted and the home supply becomes more diminished, as it will with the increasing population and the demand for more land for cultivation.

The Asiatics are not meat eaters because they can't be. They are vegetarians more from necessity than from choice, and necessity has taught them how to utilize many things as food which in other countries would be thrown away as useless if not repulsive. Many of the Chinamen's luxuries, for instance, would disgust the person whose taste had not been trained or demoralized as the Chinamen's has been. As a proof that they are vegetarians from necessity, not from choice, when they come to this country they eat meat like other people when they can afford to buy it. When they can't buy the best they buy the cheapest, and relish what the average American wouldn't carry home.

As far as Asia is concerned, densely populated as it is, it is not, and will not be, factor enough to enter into the meat question.

As Europe now looks to the United States for much of the meats it consumes so will it continue to look until it finds other sources of supplies which it may eventually do in the pasture lands of Southern Siberia and South America, both of which are well adapted to the raising of cattle and sheep. Australia cannot be depended upon with any degree of certainty, because the pasture lands of that country are subject to protracted droughts from which stock perish in large numbers, and the distance is too great for profitably shipping much refrigerated meats. This has been done to some extent but it cannot be done in competition with meats from this country or from Siberia, or South America, where they are beginning to learn the process of preserving so that the meats will reach the markets in good condition.

But with all the sources of supply the demand for meat will more than keep pace with the supply, and even in this country, which is still the great stock raiser, the supply will not keep pace with the demand for consumption, for the simple reason that the grazing area is becoming annually more contracted. On the ranges of Colorado, Indian Territory and New Mexico they can still afford to raise cattle and sheep in herds and flocks of thousands, where pasturage can be had for twelve and a half cents an acre, but that kind of pasturing will not last many years longer, for the plow will be going into those lands for cultivation, the broad ranges will be farmed and there will be an end to the raising of cattle as an industry on a large scale. They will then be raised as they are now in other Western States, a few on the farm—a good many in the aggregate, but few in comparison with the great herds and flocks that now feed upon the Western ranges.

Texas, once a great cattle and sheep State, is becoming more of a farming and less of a cattle and sheep raising State with the inflow of immigration and the settlement of the lands once devoted to pasturage.

But with all that this country is capable of holding its own as the leading cattle and sheep and hog raiser of the world if the farmers give that industry the attention they should, especially in the sections where the conditions favor stock raising. In the extract which we quote from the Philadelphia *Press*, and other corroborating testimony that might be produced, there are pointers for the Southern farmers and land owners, for there is no section of the country, nor any other country, where cattle, sheep and hogs can be raised more economically or to better advantage than they can be in the South, with the certainty of a good market at home and one that will from all the indications be getting better year after year. The South can with very little effort more than make up the shortage that will result from the contraction of the pasture ranges in the far Western States and Territories and in Texas, and there will be "millions in it" for the farmers of the South, and at the same time the cattle and sheep will be adding millions to the value of the lands upon which they pasture and are fed. There would be enough in this to justify giving attention to the industry.

OUR STATE CHARITIES.

The following condensation of the report of Secretary C. B. Denson, of the board of public charities, clipped from the Raleigh *Post*, will be interesting as showing what was done last year, compared with 1892, ten years ago:

Report of charitable institutions, 1892:

North Carolina Insane Asylum, Dr. W. P. Wood. Average daily population 309. Cured 14.46 per cent. Appropriation for support $52,500 Special appropriation $15,000.

The State Hospital, Morganton, Dr. P. L. Murphy. Total under treatment 677. Recovered 79. Appropriation for support $90,000.

North Carolina Eastern Hospital, Goldsboro. Dr. J. F. Miller. Average total patients 266. Recoveries 40 per cent. Appropriations for support ——

North Carolina Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind. Principal W. J. Young. Average daily number of white deaf and dumb 100, and 65 blind. Colored 68; total both races 228. Appropriation $40,000. Per capita cost $190.

North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb, Supt. E. McK. Goodwin. Authorized, work begun at Morganton and $25,000 expended, but school not opened for pupils.

Oxford Orphan Asylum, Rev. W. S. Black principal. Average number of pupils 215. Regular reliable receipts from the State $10,000, Grand Lodge $2,500. Other voluntary but uncertain receipts.

Report of charitable institutions 1903:

State Hospital, Raleigh, Dr. James McKee, superintendent. Average daily population 443. Recovered, on number received eighty-one and a half per cent. (150 patients). Annual appropriation for support $71 000. (Special appropriations for additions, etc., asked for 1903, see report in full) $11,250. Total for year $153,500.

State Hospital, Morganton, Dr. P. L. Murphy, superintendent. Total number under treatment 880. Recovered 56. (Improved 18.) Percentage recovered upon admissions 48.37. Appropriation for support $100,000. Deficit in support fund of $7,000.

State Hospital, Goldsboro, Dr. J. F. Miller, Superintendent, Average daily population 478. Percentage of cures upon admissions 44. Apropropriation $50,000. Deficit for 1902 $3,742 30.

North Cacolina Hospital for the Dangerous, Raleigh, Dr. J. R. Rogers, superintendent. Number of patients 41. Recovered 0. Appropriation $5,000.

North Carolina School for the Blind and Deaf, Raleigh, Principal John E. Ray. During the fiscal year were enrolled 194 white children and 192 colored. Receipts and expenses $55,000. Average daily attendance 300. Per capita cost about $183.33.

North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb, Morganton. Principal E. McKee Goodwin. Number enrolled 269. Per capita cost $190. Appropriation $40,000 for repairs and support and $25,000 for improvements.

North Carolina Soldiers' Home, Raleigh. The home has provided for 148 during the year. Average number 95. Now on roll 110. The State appropriation is $13,000 for support and $5,000 for two years for improvements. We have in the treasury $1,730 93.

Total number insane treated in 1892, 1,242; total appropriation, $174,500. Total number deaf, dumb and blind same year 228; total appropriation $65,000. Orphans (Oxford) 215. Appropriation $10,000. Soldiers in home, 84; appropriation, $3,000. Total, under care in 1892, 1,739; appropriation for all $253,500.

Total number insane treated in 1902, 1,841; appropriation $326,000. Total number deaf, dumb and blind 655; appropriation, $97,500; soldiers in home, 110; appropriation, $15,000; orphans (Oxford), 355; appropriation $15,000. Total under care in 1902, 2,961 at a cost of $454,000.

This advancement, in providing means for the defective and dependent classes in our state from 1,739 to 3, 961, and the payment therefor from $252,500 to $454,000 is extraordinary and the more so, that buildings for about 450 more are nearly ready, thus bringing up the number to be appropriated for in 1903, to fully double the whole number insane, deaf, blind, orphan and veterans in 1892.

While there is still much to be done in the way of properly caring for the afflicted who become public charges, the report of last year shows gratifying progress and is proof that the people of the State and those who represent them as law-makers have not been deaf to the call of humanity and mercy.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

A WOMAN'S PRAYER.

It is notable that in the despondency caused by womanly diseases, there seems to many a suffering woman no way of escape from pain except at the price of life, itself. It would be sad to record such a story of struggle and suffering except for the fact that in such dire distress many a woman has found a way back to health and happiness by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

This great remedy for womanly ills has well been called "A god-send to weak and sick women." It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

"Your medicine almost raised me from the dead," writes Mrs. Edwin H. Gardner, of Egypt, Plymouth Co., Mass., Box 14. "My urine was like brick dust, and I had pain all over me and such a dragging feeling it seemed I could not do my house work. I had to sit down to wash the dishes, even. In the year 1897 I was so sick I did not care to live and prayed many times that God would take me. One day I found a little book. I read it and wrote to Dr. Pierce, and in a few days received an answer. I decided to try his medicine, and to-day I am a well woman. I have no backache, no headache, no pain at all. I used always to have headaches previously to the monthly period and such pain that I would fall on the floor in agony. I took three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and three of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and three vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, and was completely cured."

Accept no substitute for "Favorite Prescription." There is nothing just as good.

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser—sent *free* on receipt of stamps to cover expense of mailing *only*. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers; or 31 stamps for the cloth bound volume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

It takes money to provide for the afflicted who become public charges, but a people who have their hearts in the right place, will not complain at this, but should feel that liberality in such a cause is but doing a duty which does them the more honor to be more freely and cheerfully it is profound.

A RECORD BREAKER.

The year just passed has been in some respects a record breaker for the world, a record breaker in both successes and disasters, for the latter of which this country was happily a comparatively light sufferer. We have had our floods, droughts, insect pests, contagions, conflagrations, railroad catastrophes, labor troubles, strikes, &c., but these were only local and temporary, while on the other hand we have been blessed with extraordinarily good crops, have made phenomenal industrial progress and material development, and the condition of the people as whole is better than it was at the beginning of the year, which cannot be said by any other country on the earth.

We have the only country in the world that is absolutely self-sustaining, where the people could not only live but live comfortably and prosper if they were totally cut off from every other country. We can produce in abundance everything necessary to feed and clothe our people, and can manufacture anything needed in their industries, or for their convenience. With what nature has done for our country and what we have done and can do for ourselves, we are the exception of all countries, and the most favored and blessed of all.

At peace with the world, and with ourselves, our disputes confined to economic questions and methods of betterment on which we differ, we are in everything else a united people and Americans all, feeling that we have glorious opportunities and a destiny to achieve which will put us not only in the front rank of nations but at the very front, not so much as a world power but as a world leader and educator. To-day the weaker nations of the earth look to us as their friend and mediator, if not protector, although this character has been somewhat blemished by some failures to live up to it within the past few years.

For some time Mr. Stilson Hutchins and Mr. C. C. Munn, of Washington, have been squabbling about a three-foot strip of land which lies between their residences, each claiming the larger part of it. So far Mr. Munn has had the advantage in litigation, and Hutchins has struck upon a device for getting even and wreaking vengeance. He proposes to rent his home for a negro orphan asylum. He thinks if this doesn't force Munn to surrender on that three-feet strip of dirt it will drive him to an insane asylum. This may look cute to Hutchins, but to an outsider it looks like a dirty business.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Statesville *Landmark*: The Statesville cotton mills is installing machinery for making roping.

— Durham *Herald*: A large plaining mill and sash and door and blind factory will be erected near East Durham in the near future—in fact the land has been purchased and building material and lumber is now being placed for the factory.

— Winston *Journal*: The well at the power house of the Greensboro Electric Company has now reached a depth of 340 feet. Enough water has not yet been obtained, and the continued striking of stratas of solid granite makes the boring process exceedingly slow and expensive.

— Salisbury *Sun*: At a prayer meeting three miles from Rutherfordton Sunday night James Snyder called upon several persons to assist in a prayer. When they refused to do so Mrs. Snyder went forward and assisted. When the congregation arose they were astonished to find Mrs. Snyder dead. She died while praying.

— Raleigh *Post*: News reached Asheville Monday from Balsam Mountain that Rufus Jones is in a dying condition as a result of slab wounds received at the hands of Mont Duncan. Jones and Mont Duncan got into a fight Christmas day at their home. Jones was struck by Duncan above the left ear with a knife. The blade penetrated his head and broke off and remained in the man's skull until Monday evening, when it was removed by Dr. Way, of Waynesville, and the skull trepanned. Duncan has not been arrested.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— It has been nearly a month now since the President made his only tariff reduction recommendation, for the abolition of the duty on anthracite, and the dense silence with which it was received by his party in Congress is still unbroken. —*Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

—— Professor Garner, who has recently returned from the jungles of the French Congo, where he remained for two years studying the monkey, the ape and the gorilla, now feels confident that there is a bona fide monkey language, which he claims consists of seven words that indicate food, drink, peril, love, approach, come and good. All right; but the professor can't expect anybody outside of New York's "400" to feel any special interest in this discovery.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— A surprising change has taken place in the minds of lumbermen of late. Those of Maine are preparing to petition the Legislature and State authorities to prevent the wood pulp men from sweeping the hillsides absolutely clear of trees and saplings, as the lumbermen used to do themselves. This is creditable to them in its way; but they might well go farther and not fare worse by asking Congress to restore foreign competition in lumber and timber in the interest of the American consumer.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

—— The Chicago *Record* reports and inquires: "The cost of beef to the retailer is now from 4 to 6 cents cheaper than it was three months ago. So say the men who control the market. Has this welcome reduction been noticeable in the price to the consumer?" It is pertinent, perhaps, to ask further, whether there has been such an increase in the "number of beef cattle in the West" in the last three months as to warrant the sudden drop in prices? If not, how is it to be accounted for? —*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS

— Nell—But he always makes such a fool of himself. Belle—Oh! well, let him enjoy himself.—*Philadelphia Record.*

— "They say she has absolutely no leisure in her marriage life." "No; she married her husband to reform him."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "How do you like Rev. Peppery's sermon? Clever bit of invective; eh?" "Well, it struck me as being a lot of free advertising for the devil."—*Balto. American.*

— Client—How about that account I left with you to collect on shares? Collection Agent—Oh, I collected my half all right, but it's simply impossible to collect yours.

— Mr. Brown—"Yes, Slader is passionately fond of horses; but he loves his wife, too." Mrs. Brown—"He loves anything he can drive."—*Boston Transcript.*

— "Let me alone," he grumbled. "What on earth did you wake me out of a sound sleep for?" "Because," replied his patient wife, "it was such a distressing sound."—*Phil. Press.*

— "And what is there so remarkable about her?" "She doesn't think she could improve on the training of other people's children."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— Mrs. Jiggerson—What makes you think the Welsh rarebit will disagree with you Henry? Mr. Jiggerson (gloomily)—I have inside information, my dear.—*The Moon.*

— The main difference between the old-fashioned novel and the new is that in the former the villain says "Ha!" and in the latter the heroine says "Huh!"—*Wash. Times.*

— He—"When I marry the girl in the case must be both handsome and intelligent." She—"Then you really believe that people should marry their opposites?"—*Chicago Tribune.*

— First Theatrical Manager: I am afraid that this play is a little too low for the public taste. Second Theatrical Manager: Then let's hold it back for another year.—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "I want a two-line paragraph to fill out this column," said the foreman of the country weekly. "That's easy," said the wise editor. "Just say: 'Cyrus Townsend Brady has a new book almost completed.'"—*Philadelphia Press.*

A Marvelous Invention.

Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut, paste and hang wall paper. The field of inventions and discoveries seem to be unlimited. Notable among great discoveries is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and has saved many a life. Thousand have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Consumption. Their general verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable medicine for Throat and Lung troubles." Every 50c and $1.00 bottle is guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Trial bottles free. †

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The following letter is from a well-known authoress. It reads as follows:

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Words and Their Origin.

The dictionary tells us of the origin of things familiar, and in its pages we may learn that the bayonet was first made at Bayonne, in France; that damask and the damson came originally from Damascus, that coffee first came to Europe from Kaffa and copper took its name from Cypress, that candy was first exported from Candia and that tobacco was so called from the island of Tobacco, the home of De Foe's imaginary hero; that gin was either invented at Geneva or early in its history became an important factor in the commerce of that city, that tarantula was once a notorious pest in the region about Taranta, that the magnetic property was first noticed in iron ore dug in the neighborhood of Magnesia, that parchment was first made at Pergamus, cambric at Cambray, muslin at Mousselline, calico at Calicut, gauze at Gaza, dimity at Damietta, that milliners first plied their trade in Milan and that mantuas were invented in the Italian city of the same name.

Japanese Theaters.

The theaters of Japan are generally wood and inexpensive buildings. Their interior arrangements are somewhat similar to ours, but not nearly so elaborately finished. There are no seats provided for the auditors; consequently they sit on the floor. The stages revolve like a locomotive turntable, have no drop curtains, but use sliding ones instead. Their musical instruments consist principally of a kind of cross between a mandolin and a banjo, with a metal drum and some other unpronounceable instruments for accompaniment. The music has a kind of humdrum air and but very little variation. Their entertainments are of long duration and are generally during the day. The plays are almost invariably tragedy. The admission fee is small.

Seventeenth Century Napkins.

About 1650 Pierre David published the "Maistre d'Hostel," "which teaches how to wait on a table properly and how to fold all kinds of table napkins in all kinds of shapes."

The shapes were: "Square, twisted, folded in bands and in the forms of double and twisted shell, single shell, double melon, single melon, cock, hen and chickens, two chickens, pigeon in a basket, partridge, pheasant, two capons in a pie, hare, two rabbits, sucking pig, dog with a collar, pike, carp, turbot, salter, turkey, tortoise, the holy cross and the Lorraine cross."

One Way to Cut Brass.

To cut sheet brass chemically the following method meets with great success: Make a strong solution of bichloride of mercury in alcohol. With a quill pen draw a line across the brass where it is to be cut. Let it dry on, and with the same pen draw over this line with nitric acid. The brass may then be broken across like glass cut with a diamond.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, —— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb. 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9.
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Oaslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

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MR. GRADGRIND

[Original.]

I am a tutor in an obscure college. I have been a tutor for twenty years, always having before me the hope of becoming professor, a hope which has been perpetually deferred. My family has meanwhile been increasing, though my salary has remained the same. I had given up any idea of change in my life when one morning the president sent for me and told me that Professor S., lecturer on chemistry, was to take a vacation and I had been selected to give lectures in his department until his return. I left the laboratory in which I instructed beginners and devoted myself to my new temporary duties.

During my lecture the door opened and a gentleman walked in on tiptoe, took a seat in the row of chairs farthest from me and listened intently to what I was saying. As I have never known any one except the students to attend my lectures, I was greatly surprised. However, I retained my equanimity, stimulated by the presence of the stranger, and flattered myself that I was making my discourse extraordinarily interesting. When I dismissed the class, the visitor remained and approached my desk.

"Permit me to inform you, sir, that the lecture I have just listened to is the most interesting I have ever heard."

I concealed my pleasure at the man's commendation as well as I could, and he went on:

"I am myself something of a chemist in a small way and, being in your town, availed myself of the privilege of hearing something on my favorite subject. Your charming discourse"—

"Are you a professional chemist?"

"Not exactly—rather a practical one. I have succeeded in combining properties in a way to produce a cleansing material which I am now introducing to the world. I am the proprietor of Gradgrind's eradicator."

I heaved a sigh of disappointment.

"I would be pleased to have you make an analysis of the eradicator and if you find it effective and harmless will gladly recompense you for your trouble."

"You wish a certificate?"

"That is what I would like, not that the eradicator requires anything but trial. Nevertheless the public is incredulous and needs testimony."

"What would the analysis and a statement be worth to you?"

"Millions, but I am free to say that in the beginning, till we sell the goods, my pecuniary resources are limited. I could make a first payment of all I possess. Let me see." He fumbled in his vest pocket and took out some small change.

"Seventy-three cents is the total assets of one who possesses an embryo fortune."

The man's pluck won me. "Give me a sample," I said. "I will analyze it and give you the result, but I do not care to take money from one poorer than myself."

He gave me a look of genuine thankfulness and a sample. Inviting him to return the next day after my lecture I went to the laboratory.

When Mr. Gradgrind returned the next day, I told him that his eradicator contained several valuable properties, but also an acid that would eat up any substance it touched. He was cast down for a moment, then, brightening up, said:

"Surely one with such a profound knowledge of chemical properties can find another to take its place."

I had caught the spirit of investigation and told Mr. Gradgrind that I would try and if successful would write him. He gave me his address and departed apparently perfectly assured that I would succeed.

I spent a month searching for an agent that would eat up dirt, grease and such substances without destroying the fabric from which they were to be removed and met with excellent success. I wrote Mr. Gradgrind to come and see me and received a visit from him. The only change in him was that he had grown shabbier.

"Mr. Gradgrind," I said, "I have discovered the required agent."

"Then, sir, your fortune is made."

"My fortune?"

"Yes, sir. If your agent proves satisfactory, I will give you a half interest in the business."

I smiled, gave him the secret and dismissed him and the matter from my mind at the same time.

I neither saw nor heard from Mr. Gradgrind for five years, though every house, barn and fence became gradually covered with advertisements of Gradgrind's eradicator, accompanied invariably by the letters "G. and G." The only interest I took in the matter was as to the meaning of these letters. Yesterday morning I received a letter furnishing a view of the manufacturing establishment of Gradgrind's eradicator. Thinking it contained testimonials, I was about to throw it into the wastebasket when something, I knew not what, induced me to open it. I took out an account current of Gradgrind & Co. with their silent partner, Samuel Goswell, for the five years of their business and a check payable to my order for $355,472.25 to balance.

I am still a tutor, for the unexpected windfall came only yesterday. At the close of the present term in June I go upon an extended tour abroad. The president of the corporation of the college, to whom I communicated my purpose and my good fortune last evening, has invited me to return whenever I like as professor of chemistry. Nothing succeeds so well as success.

I shall not accept the offer. There is a great deal of begging nowadays for colleges, and I fear the president has an eye upon my fortune for the benefit of the one over which he presides.

ANTHONY DEANE.

A Cap For Him.

An amusing story is told of a certain fussy and quarrelsome man who is fond of threatening lawsuits and actions for damages on every possible pretext and who is also not averse to taking mean advantage of his fellows.

On a recent occasion his hat was slightly damaged by something accidentally dropped from the window of a neighbor's house. The fact was set forth in an indignant letter from the fussy person, who demanded that the hat should be replaced by a new one, a decidedly modest request, seeing that the original hat was old and shabby, while the injury to it could have been easily repaired.

The recipient of the letter, however, is a humorous gentleman well acquainted with the weaknesses of his correspondent. Instead of waxing indignant at the impudence of the demand he wrote a playful reply, explaining that times were hard, money scarce and new hats at a premium. He hoped, however, that as he could not furnish the aggrieved party with a new head covering he would accept the material for one. And he inclosed a sheet of foolscap!—London Tit-Bits.

How They Grow.

First Year—The biggest trout I ever caught was a foot and a half long, and he had a big fishhook in his stomach.

Tenth Year—Did I ever tell you about the trout I once caught? It was over a yard long and had an anchor in his stomach.—New York Weekly.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, January 1.

Holiday—No quotations.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	39
Rosin	241
Tar	315
Crude turpentine	29

Receipts same day last year—23 casks spirits turpentine, 331 barrels rosin, 144 barrels tar, 38 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5⅞	cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	7¼	" "
Low middling	7⅞	" "
Middling	8¼	" "
Good middling	9¼	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅛c for middling.

Receipts—567 bales; same day last year, 794.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, fine, Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

MONTHLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For month of December, 1902.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude
49,897	1,336	9,501	5,415	1,833

RECEIPTS.

For month of December, 1901.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude
40,974	827	7,423	5,679	1,781

EXPORTS.

For month of December, 1902.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude
Domestic	905	1,499	941	2,950	335
Foreign	53,389	....	7,515	....	....
	54,294	1,499	9,736	2,950	335

EXPORTS.

For month of December, 1901.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	1,760	769	190	4,701	709
Foreign	39,484	....	4,941	....	....
	41 244	769	5,130	4,701	709

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat January 1, 1903.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	6,872	6,093	12 965
Spirits	443	67	510
Rosin	23,515	85	23 558
Tar	4,554	259	4,804
Crude	287	....	287

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat January 1, 1902.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude
16,194	1,085	39,778	7,942	873

MARINE.

CLEARED.

Steamer Compton, Sanders, Calabash and Little River, S. C. Stone, Rourk & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., January 2.

STEAMSHIPS.

Torgorm, (Br) 1,676 tons, Halladay, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Vera, (Br) 1,854 tons, Bennett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Zeeburg, (Dutch) 1,958 tons, Stasse, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Foster Rice, (Br) 179 tons, Brinton, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Venus, 194 tons, Foxwell, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Lady Shea, (Br) 151 tons, Munro, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Nellie Troop, (Br) 1,317 tons, Nobles, Heide & Co.
Argo, (Nor) 687 tons, Addison, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—67 bales cotton, 31 barrels rosin, 2 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—34 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—379 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 40 barrels rosin, 110 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—87 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 91 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—6 casks spirits turpentine, 70 barrels rosin, 12 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Schooner Chauncey T.—6 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin.

Total—567 bales cotton, 32 casks spirits turpentine, 141 barrels rosin, 215 barrels tar, 29 barrels crude turpentine.

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Yours, etc., D. W. McIVER, Editor and Proprietor Tuskegee (Ala.) News.

For sale by all good Druggists. R. R. BELLAMY can supply the trade with TEETHINA at Dr. Moffett's prices. 3 1

AN INHERITANCE

[Original.]

In colonial times the family Bible was often the most important article in the household. The Archards, an aristocratic family of Maryland, possessed a very large Bible that had been brought from England in 1600 and had since descended from father to son. When the Revolution came, Colonel Robert Archard adhered to the cause of the king, influencing two of his sons to do the same. His youngest son, Carrol Archard, joined the "rebels" and was banished by his father. Carrol married Martha Curtis, the sister of a brother officer in the revolutionary army. Carrol was killed at the battle of Monmouth, leaving his wife to struggle for the support of their infant son.

Not long after the colonies had achieved their independence Colonel Archard died. He was a strange man, and it was expected that his will would contain some singular provisions. The expectation was fulfilled. He divided his property into two parts of about equal value, giving his oldest son, Robert, first choice; his next son, James, second choice. A third bequest was the family Bible, which was left to the widow and little son of Carrol Archard, in case neither of his sons preferred to take the book relinquishing his share to Martha and little Carrol.

When the will was read, Robert Archard, after thoroughly investigating the value of the two portions, selected that which he considered most desirable.

"Robert Archard," said the family lawyer, who had drawn the will, "your father charged me to ask you if you would relinquish your share to Martha Archard and her son, taking the family Bible instead."

"I will not," said Robert.

The lawyer then told James Archard that it was optional with him to take the remaining portion of the estate or the Bible. James showed no more disposition to give up his inheritance than his brother had shown and as flatly declined.

Before handing over the two portions of the estate to the brothers the attorney addressed them: "I was in your father's confidence when he made this will. He told me of the existence of Mrs. Archard and her son and was undecided what to do for them in bequeathing his property. He determined to leave all to his two sons, with a request that they should find Mrs. Archard and little Carrol and provide for them. I told my client that in my long experience in such matters I had never known a legatee to part with any portion of his inheritance through an instruction which was not obligatory by the will. I advised him that if he wished to provide for his son Carrol's family to do so by leaving a portion of his property directly to them. Colonel Archard declared that he had perfect confidence in the generosity of his sons and that they would carry out any request he might make of them. Nevertheless he took the matter under advisement. A few days later he sent for me and instructed me to draw this will, enjoining upon me the duty of making his intentions perfectly plain to his heirs. He desired to leave either or both of his sons free to accept his inheritance or surrender it to his brother's widow and son."

"Our brother," said Robert, "was a rebel and a traitor, and I see no reason why I should give my property to his widow and son."

"I concur with Robert in this matter," said James.

"Then sign the papers, receipting for your portions," said the lawyer.

When the signatures were affixed, the lawyer handed the brothers the deeds to their portions and locked the receipts in his box. Then, turning to the widow, he handed her the Bible.

"I am at least pleased," she said, "that my husband's father and my son's grandfather has shown a kindly interest in us. The family Bible, the most sacred treasure of the household, will descend through my boy, and I am sure it will have its influence upon him and those who follow him. Take it, Carrol, and abide by its precepts."

She handed the Bible to her boy, who looked at it, wondering what he was to do with it, then opened it.

"Turn the leaves," said the lawyer.

The boy turned the leaves, presently coming to a bank bill. It was for $1,000. All except the lawyer looked at it in astonishment.

"Take it," said the lawyer. "It belongs to you and your mother. Now turn more leaves."

One hundred thousand dollars in bills were taken from the Bible. The two brothers, whose portions combined were less valuable, stood watching the child withdraw the legacy, and when the last bill had been withdrawn Robert said fiercely:

"This is not simply a Bible; it is a portion of our father's fortune and belongs to me and my brother. We will contest the will."

"That would be inadvisable," said the attorney. "Once you have receipted for your portions, and if the will is declared void the widow's and her son's portion under the law would be a third of the whole, or very nearly what they have received."

The brothers retired discomfited and after taking the advice of attorneys acquiesced in their father's will.

Mrs. Archard and her son lived comfortably on the income of their portion, which in those days was a handsome fortune. Carrol Archard's education was well cared for, and he was graduated from college with honor. During the early part of the nineteenth century he represented his state in congress. His uncles both eventually lost all their property and in their old age were well provided for by their nephew Carrol.

ROSAMOND ALICIA BUDD.

When John Was In Doubt.

John was a coachman who took life most seriously and, being very particular, would return frequently in the course of the day to make sure he understood the orders that had been given him in the morning. One afternoon he presented himself before his mistress and began:

"Mrs. T., Oi'm not quite certain ez to Mr. T.'s ordher this mornin'. Oi was droivin' him to the thrain, an' he noticed that the horse was lame, an' he told me to do somethin' to him, mum; but sure Oi don't know whither he told me to shoe him or to shoot him. Mebbe ye can till me."

A shoeing was evidently required, but the execution of the order and likewise of the horse was deferred until Mr. T. returned.

Poor Choice.

Tenderfoot (nervously)—I don't like the looks of the hotel. Is that the only place I can put up?

Proprietor (significantly)—Y-a-a-s, unless you prefer the graveyard over the hill.—Indianapolis News.

Few people ever really want a thing until they see others chasing after it.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard

The revulsion came at 1 o'clock with the return message:

Almon P. Spencer, Tabor, N. Y.:
I suspected as much. Will be up tonight. WILLIAM W. BIRDSALL.

He sent the message up to the bank by one of the boys, but not with the satisfaction he felt when he received the first message. After all, Paxton, in spite of the fact that he was his rival, was a pleasant fellow, with a kindly word for all. It would be a terrible thing to be arrested for such a betrayal of trust.

The rules of the Western Union are strict on the matter of giving out information relative to dispatches, and the thought that such a revelation would mean the sacrifice of his position deterred him for awhile. But in the end sympathy for his discomfited rival proved too strong.

There was a train to New York at 5. The up train from Albany did not get in till 8.

The station agent was familiar with Hastings' duties and readily consented to take care of the office till he came back. He went to the bank and straight to the cashier's window, behind which stood Paxton, getting ready to close the office for the day.

"Come out here a moment," said Gerald hoarsely. "I want to say something."

Wonderingly Paxton followed him to the front of the lobby.

"It's costing me my job," said Gerald, "and I've no particular reason for feeling grateful to you, but you ought to know about these two telegrams." And with trembling hands he unfolded copies of the dispatches.

Paxton laughed, and then his face softened.

"It's awfully good of you, old chap," he said, "but I know about those messages. The fact is I'm engaged to Judge Birdsall's ward, and Mr. Spencer as my guardian is to formally announce it tonight. It's been an open secret, but I was waiting until her eighteenth birthday, which is today, and that's why those joking telegrams were sent. And, by the way, if you're going to see Miss Dorothy tonight, if you'll forgive the impertinence, you might tell her that your prospects are very materially improved, for I understand that you are slated for the position I am about to give up. I go to New York."

Dorothy said "I told you so," but her father said "Yes."

Poe and the French.

The keener appreciation in Europe of literature as a fine art is no doubt the main reason why Poe is looked upon over there as our most noteworthy poet. Poe certainly had a more consummate art than any other American singer, and his productions are more completely the outcome of that art. They are literary feasts. "The Raven" was as deliberately planned and wrought out as is any piece of mechanism. Its inspiration is verbal and technical. "The truest poetry is most feigning," says Touchstone, and this is mainly the conception of poetry that prevails in European literary circles. Poe's poetry is artistic feigning, like good acting. It is to that extent disinterested. He does not speak for himself, but for the artistic spirit. He has never been popular in this country, for the reason that art, as such, is far less appreciated here than abroad. The stress of life here is upon the moral and intellectual elements much more than upon the æsthetic. We demand a message of the poet or that he shall teach us how to live. Poe had no message but that of art. He made no contribution to our stock of moral ideas; he made no appeal to the conscience or manhood of the race; he did not touch the great common workaday mind of our people. He is more akin to the Latin than to the Anglo-Saxon; hence his deepest impression seems to have been made upon the French mind.—John Burroughs in Century.

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Our Christmas trade was phenomenal; it broke all records of the past. Our whole year's business was unusually good. We are now facing the year 1903 and have already been making preparations for the year's business. The rush is over, but our stock is not broken. We anticipated a big trade and bought accordingly.

We have just received a nice line of new Black Beaver Hats, very stylish, at $2.75 each. Also a nice line of Scratch Felt Hats, in black and all colors, at 69c each. We have an extensive line of Ready-to-wear Hats that we are selling for 50c, 69c, 89c and $1.19, which is about 50 per cent. of actual value.

In new Ribbons we have just received a large shipment, in all colors. Beautiful Glazed Taffetta Ribbons, in Nos. 5 and 7, at 5c per yard; Nos. 9 and 12, at 8c per yard; Nos. 16 and 22, at 10c per yard; No. 40, at 15c per yard; No. 60, at 20c per yard; and No. 80, at 25c per yard. Satin and Taffetta Ribbons are from 5c to 35c per yard.

In Ladies' Hats we have a big lot to sell at 25c each, regardless of cost or quality; all shapes and colors, and all this year's goods.

Our Cloak Department has had an immense success this season. We have bought several large shipments of Cloaks at almost half-price, and we have on hand a very nice and extensive line. Nicely lined and well made Beaver Coats at $3.50. The latest Monte Carlo Coats at $5, and the best $10 Monte Carlos are going at $7.50 each.

In ladies and children underwear we have just received quite a nice shipment. Ladies' red and white flannel vests and pants of all kinds and in all sizes for 75 cents, 85 cents and $1 each. Ladies' bleached ribbed vests at 25 cents each. Just received a large shipment of samples in needlewear which represents one and two of a kind of anything you can call for, which we are selling at about first cost; we make our profits in the discounts. Vests and pants in this lot run from 10 cents to $2.25 each.

We have also received 120 dozen of sample hosiery, all colors and prices from 5 cents to 25 cents a pair.

We have children's hose in all sizes from 5 cents to 25 cents; we have an immense stock of ladies and gentlemen's hosiery; our line of Shamrock hosiery for ladies are the best value to be had, sell for 12½ cents, 15 cents and 25 cents a pair.

Men's ½ wool socks at 10 cents a pair; all wool at 15 cents. The finest 25 cents cashmere hose are selling at 20 cents.

Embroidery, we have about 8,000 yards bought at a low down price. Good embroidery with a lot of work for 4c. Very good value at 5c., and 15c value we are selling at 10c. Our corset stock has just been replenished. Just received 30 doz. R. & G. corsets to sell for 50, 75, and $1. The long hip corset for $1.25. Our B. C. N. corset cannot be matched in any retail store in the city, we buy them in solid case lots and can sell you a 75c. corset for 50c.

Our Kalamazoo Corsets in blue and white and pink and white and all white, are well shaped and good values, running at 25c. Regular 50c Corsets for 39c.

Infants' Cloaks. Just bought a sample line to sell for 50c, 75c, 89c up to $2.25. All well made and new styles.

Ladies' heavy Capes, nicely trimmed, in fur and made of Beaver cost, all new goods, $1.50 and $1.75 each; 50c each; less than cost.

A nice line of new Belts at 25c and 39c each.

In our Men's and Boys' Clothing Department, judging by our sales, you would think no one else in the city carried Clothing. Good suits from $3 up. In boys' heavy-weight Clothing, we have just bought out a factory. Suits that sold for $3 we can sell now for $2.25; we have them from $1.50 up. In boys' Pants we have agency for New York Mill & Co. All made with tape seams and made of best woollen goods; all 50c a pair; any size.

In our Clothing Department we have 500 nice Clothes Brushes to give away, one with each suit sold.

If you are thinking of having your photo enlarged, we represent the Argo Mfg. Co., of Chicago, who make oil paintings for us. We give an Argo oil painting free with every $20 cash purchase, when you buy the frame from us.

With best wishes for a happy New Year.

The Big Racket Store.

P. S.—For Sunday School Christmas Trees we have lots of nice Toys left on hand. Plenty of Toys and China Bric-a-brac. dec 28 tf

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Deposits, showing increase of business since organization.

March 1st, 1899	$322,000
December 31st, 1899	354,000
December 31st, 1900	432,000
December 31st, 1901	684,000
December 31st, 1902	1,200,000

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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You can open an account by depositing TWENTY FIVE CENTS. Every nickel you spend is gone forever and eternally, but every nickel you save is still yours, and if invested with us will draw interest, compounded quarterly, for years to come. Begin the New Year right by opening a savings account.

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LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Sixth Annual Exhibition, Charlotte Poultry Association, Charlotte, N. C., January 12th-18th, 1903. Dates of sale January 11th to 14th, inclusive. Final limit January 16th. Rate, $6.30.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, limited Jan. 3. Upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of schools or colleges tickets at this rate will be sold to teachers and students, Dec. 16 to 22, inclusive; limited Jan. 8th.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

Approved: H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 10 p m
Ar Gibson	12 21 p m	9 28 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 35 p m
Ar Norlina	3 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 52 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 52 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 33 a m	9 10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 45 a m
Ar New York	7 08 a m	1 52 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9 01 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	3 37 a m
Ar Washington	2 50 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6 56 p m	8 31 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 32 p m	9 18 a m
Ar Weldon	9 04 p m	11 22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 p m	12 57 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	11 38 p m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	12 55 a m	4 55 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	10 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 35 p m	3 00 a m	7 55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9 00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 00 p m	10 00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 15 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence	8 01 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar. 8 00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 21 p m	Ar. 5 00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv. 3 45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	12 33 p m	Ar. 12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	3 40 p m	Lv. 9 01 a m

‡Via Wilson.
Trains Nos 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
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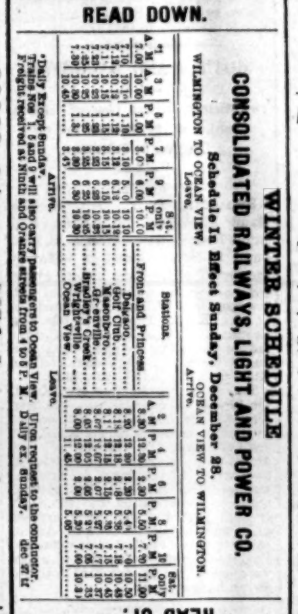

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Schedule in Effect Nov. 22.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 2:32 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6:10 P. M., Maxton 6:40 P. M., Hamlet 7:30 P. M., Charlotte 10:15 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 A. M., Hamlet at 8:25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10:09 A. M., Wilmington 12:30 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7 40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 21 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	.....	10 55 a m
Ar Chester	12 51 a m	12 30 p m
Ar Greenwood	8 05 a m	12 47 p m
Ar Athens	2 50 a m	5 55 p m
Ar Atlanta	7 25 a m	4 00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7 35 a m
Ar Columbia	1 15 a m	11 30 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 a m	9 15 p m
Ar Tampa	6 5 p m	6 00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 40 a m	7 30 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 00 a m	11 10 a m
Ar Norlina	3 32 a m	1 35 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7 15 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk	.....	.....
Lv Hamlet	10 40 p m	8 40 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11 10 a m
Ar Norlina	3 32 a m	1 35 p m
Ar Petersburg	5 53 a m	4 47 p m
Ar Richmond	6 30 a m	5 40 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 26 a m	11 26 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 21, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.40 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.37 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 39 leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 5.07 p. m.; Chester 6.15 a. m.; Charlotte 8.01 a. m.; Monroe 8.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 86 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8.20 a. m.

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For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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AND A

Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 52	Kinston	10 19	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 37	9 50
7 05	7 07	Morehead City	7 35	7 50
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 4.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.55 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2.

PLAGUE PANIC IN MEXICO.

The Disease Has Broken Out Afresh at Mazatlan With Increased Virulence. People Fleeing from the City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MAZATLAN, MEXICO, Jan. 1.—There if no longer the slightest doubt that the disease now afflicting this city is genuine Asiatic plague, for microscopic investigation proves that bubonic pest baccilli are in the blood of those afflicted with the disease. The plague has grown virulent within the last forty-eight hours and the alarm which had begun in some measure to abate, has returned with increased strength. The people are fleeing from the city at the rate of three hundred per day and some five thousand have already gone. It is a remarkable fact that more than fifty per cent. of the persons attacked are women.

The news of the recrudescence of the plague at this port has reached the interior towns of the State and is causing a panic. Sanitary cordons of armed men have been placed around the towns to prevent the entrance of any one from this place.

HERMOSILLO, MEXICO, Jan 1.—Owing to the scare caused by the epidemic at Mazatlan, serious measures are being taken here to improve the sanitary conditions of the city. Streets are to be kept scrupulously clean and the city government has appointed an inspector for each city block, whose duty it is to enter every house in the block at least once during the day, make a thorough inspection and report any suspicious sickness.

MLLE. ZELIE DE LUSSAN'S RECITAL.

Next Saturday Evening Week is the Date for the Great Artist's Appearance.

M'lle. Zelie de Lussan's recital here on Saturday evening of next week at the Y. M. C. A., will surely prove the most important event dramatically, socially and from a concert and musical standpoint. While M'lle de Lussan needs little introduction to a greater portion of the amusement lovers of our city, still there are others to whom an introduction will not be amiss. This beautiful woman while considered the greatest "Carmen" of the Metropolitan grand opera stage, she has given up grand opera for the concert tour which she is now making—only on a large guarantee from every city that she will visit, bringing a magnificent repertoire of songs from the greatest French, Italian, English and American composers and each to be sung in its tongue.

It is well to know that M'lle Zelie de Lussan carries her own piano—a superb Webber built especially for this artist and her own tuner and director.

While this attraction comes to the Y. M. C. A. and to an extent under the "Star Course" the heavy guarantee necessitates an increase of prices over those of the regular course. However, those who are so fortunate as to hold "Star Course"—will have the advantage of getting their seats at the popular price of $1.00 by presenting an identification card that will be sent to all holders of "Star Course" tickets. The sale will open at De Rosset's book store, beginning next Tuesday.

NEW YEAR'S IN MEXICO.

A Brilliant Scene at President Diaz's Reception in the Palace.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—There was a brilliant scene at LaPalace to-day, when President Diaz received the diplomatic corps, consuls, officers of the army and navy, members of the Senate and House of Deputies and leading citizens. The diplomatic corps was headed by Baron von Heyking, the German minister, who made a speech of congratulation, to which President Diaz replied fittingly. United States Ambassador Powell Clayton was not present, having gone to Curnavaca, thus courteously yielding precedence to the German minister, who is soon to go away on a long leave of absence. In the absence of Ambassador Clayton, the American embassy was represented by First Secretary McCreery. The ladies of the diplomatic corps this morning paid their respects to Madam Diaz

MILLS AT KNOXVILLE.

Announce a Reduction of Hours of Labor Without Cutting Wages of Employes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KNOXVILLE, TENN, January 1.—The Riverside Woollen Mills and the Knoxville Woollen Mills, of this city, announce that beginning with January 5th they will give their employes a reduction from eleven to ten hours per day without cutting wages. That will be equivalent to ten per cent. increase in the scale. The mills employ about 150 and 750 people, respectively. The initiative was taken by C. L. Parham, of the Riverside Mills, who is issuing an appeal to all the textile industries in the South to take similar action.

AN EJECTMENT SUIT.

Involving Title to a Large Body of Land Valued at Over $10,000,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BRISTOL, TENN., Jan. 1.—Judge Henry C. McDaniel will convene a special term of the United States Court at Abingdon, Va., on January 19th, to try the case of Henry King against Joshua Justice, J. N. Watkins and others. It is an ejectment suit and involves the title to more than five thousand acres of mineral and timber land in Buchanan county, Virginia, and Milgo and other counties in West Virginia, valued at over ten million dollars.

Miss Clara Sweeting was shot and instantly killed at Pine Barren, near Pensacola, Fla., by Paul Lambert, a boy. The shooting was accidental.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore Feet or Stiff Joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

VENEZUELA AND EUROPEAN POWERS

Castro's Reply Attaches a Condition to Acceptance of Arbitration Proposals.

NOT REGARDED AS IMPORTANT

It Is Understood to Relate Rather to the Means of Getting the Issue to Arbitration Than to Any Principle Involved in the Matter.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The rejoinders of the European Foreign Offices to President Castro's reply to their arbitration proposal have not reached Washington. This, however, occasions no surprise, as the holidays are much more closely observed in European capitals than in Washington. Following the rule which it has adopted in the treatment of correspondence passing between Venezuela and the allies, the State Department still declines to make public any information respecting the details of President Castro's reply, but inquiry confirms the Associated Press report from Rome to the effect that Castro did attach a condition to the acceptance of the arbitration proposal and that condition was not endorsed by the Washington government. However, it is pointed out that it has not been regarded as necessary at the State Department to either approve or disapprove of any of the details of the propositions now in exchange between the principals. As to the condition attached to the acceptance, it can be stated that it is not of great consequence, nor it is likely to involve the loss of the arbitration project, for it is understood to relate rather to the means of getting the issue to arbitration than to any substantial principle involved.

Adding Insult to Injury.

LA GUAIRA, VENEZUELA, January 1.—The former Venezuelan gunboat Zumbador, now transformed into a British warship, arrived here at noon and caused considerable indignation among the people ashore, who looked upon her arrival here under the British flag, especially on New Year's day, as adding insult to injury.

The Italian armored cruiser Carlo Alberto arrived here at 1 P. M. to day.

Unqualified Acceptance.

BERLIN, January 1. — President Castro's reply to the powers, through Minister Bowen, is substantially an acceptance of their proposals to arbitrate and the accompanying conditions. The Foreign Office here received his answer to-day and is satisfied with its spirit. A further interchange of views preparatory to signing the protocol, will take place in Washington. The only really important question to be settled is what shall be done with the blockade. A continuance of the blockade is relied upon to hasten the conclusion of the arbitration preliminaries, especially on the part of Venezuela.

ROME, Jan. 1.—While reserve is maintained at the Foreign Office with regard to the Venezuelan matter, it has been learned that the Foreign Office considers the additional proposition made by President Castro as not likely of acceptance. Communications on this subject are now being exchanged with Germany and Great Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Mr. White, the United States charge d'affairs, delivered to the Foreign Office to-day the note of Secretary Hay announcing President Castro's acceptance of the proposal to have the Venezuelan claims arbitrated by the international court at The Hague.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Jan. 1.—The arbitration propositions of the foreign powers and the counter propositions of Venezuela, exchanged through Minister Bowen yesterday, are said by a high Venezuelan authority to be easily reconcilable.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 1.—It is said here that an arrangement has been concluded with Great Britain and Germany to submit the Belgian and Dutch claims against Venezuela to the International Peace Court at The Hague at the same time the Anglo-German claims against the South American republic are taken to that tribunal.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.

Two Women Arrested Charged With the Murder of the Husband of the Daughter by Poisoning.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Maud Kiehl and her mother, Mrs. Addie Fenner, were arrested at their home in South Onondaga to-day by the sheriff of Cortland county on the coroner's warrants charging them with the murder of William Kiehl, husband of Mrs. Kiehl. They were taken to Cortland. This is the outcome of the inquest at which evidence was produced tending to show that William Kiehl died of arsenical poisoning.

This is the second time Mrs. Kiehl, the 18-year old country girl, has been arrested. Several months ago she was accused of poisoning Adam Kiehl, her brother-in-law, the theory of the prosecution being that she killed him to prevent his marriage to another woman. She was freed. The officials began an investigation into the death of the girl's husband who expired some time before his brother, Adam, under almost similar circumstances. The result came when the warrants were issued for the arrest of both the girl and her mother.

BRYAN IN MEXICO.

Will Leave Mexico City To-day on His Return Home.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—William Jennings Bryan, with his family, has returned from Vera Cruz and will go North to-morrow. He is much interested in the fact that many young Americans with small capital have started life in Mexico as planters in the tropical belt. Though greatly pleased with the brilliant prospects of the tropical agriculture, Mr. Bryan says he is still very well satisfied with his little farm on the outskirts of Lincoln, Neb.

The Associated Press received a message from Hawaii that the San Francisco end of the cable was picked up yesterday afternoon, and that the splicing would be completed before midnight, when communication with Honolulu would be opened.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

ANOTHER PAGEANT AT INDIA'S CAPITAL.

Tens of Thousands of People Assembled to Hear King Edward Proclaimed Emperor of India—Grand Spectacle.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

DELHI, INDIA, Jan. 1.—Tens of thousands of people from the city of Delhi and from villages far and near began gathering at daybreak this morning on the great plain outside the city. There they waited patiently for the supreme announcement of the Durbar that King Edward was Emperor of India. Soon the great plain was filled with crowding masses of people and the brightly colored clothing of the vast throng covered the space with gorgeous hues. The crowd on the plain was composed largely of the common people, but among it could be seen the retainers of the various rajahs who had assembled for the function.

The attention of all was fixed upon the white amphitheatre in the centre of the plain where the announcement was to be made. The amphitheatre was adorned with gilded cupolas and surrounded by squadrons and battalions of the Indian army. Beyond the amphitheatre in the distance could be seen great numbers of elephants, camels and horses. So vast was the multitude that the troops appeared as mere splashes of color. The arrival at the amphitheatre of the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, the princes and other dignitaries, was one of the brilliant episodes of the day. The princes were clad in silks and adorned with jewels and their horses and carriages were brilliant with trappings of gold.

A Gorgeous Spectacle.

The spectacle within the arena was most striking and gorgeous. The Pathan chiefs and the sirdars were resplendant in brilliant raiment. Soldiers, civilians and visitors from far distant countries were included among those within the amphitheatre. Upon the entrance of the veterans of the Indian mutiny there was tremendous enthusiasm and as the arrivals marched to their places the bands played national airs.

The carriage of the Duke of Connaught, who represents King Edward, was escorted by a detachment of cavalry and as the Duke and Duchess were driven around the arena the assemblage gave them an enthusiastic welcome. Amid the acclamations of the people the duke took his seat at the left of the throne, while the duchess proceeded to a place behind the throne.

When the great amphitheatre was filled and the hour for the announcement drew near, the multitude within and without awaited expectantly the first act of the proclamation ceremony.

Then the approach of the viceroy was heralded. Preceded by members of his body guard, clad in white, blue and gold, Lord Curzon appeared at the entrance of the arena in his car riage. The postillions wore uniforms of scarlet and gold and the carriage was drawn by four bay horses. The viceroy was escorted by Sir Pertab Singh.

Alighting from his carriage Lord Curzon mounted the stairs to the throne which was decorated with golden lions and around which were placed massive silver foot-stools. The throne itself was surmounted by a canopy of white and gold. When the viceroy reached the throne the national anthem was played and a salute of twenty-one guns was fired. When the spectators had resumed their seats after the anthem there was a flourish of trumpets from the heralds and Major Maxwell, at the command of the viceroy, read the proclamation opening the Durbar. The royal standard was then raised on high and the imperial salute was fired. The massed bands marched by playing, bonfires were started by the troops outside and it was announced that King Edward was Emperor of India.

Message From the King.

There was another flourish of trumpets and Lord Curzon arose and stood for a moment impassive. Then in impressive tones he delivered a speech and read the message from King Edward. In his address the viceroy announced the coronation of the King. He extolled the loyal Indian people and prophesied prosperity for the Indian Empire. He said also that it had been decided not to exact interest for three years on all loans made or guaranteed by the government of India to the native states in connection with the recent famine. The viceroy announced also the abolition of the Indian staff corps, which has long been an army sinecure. In the King's message which was then read by Lord Curzon his majesty said that the prince and princess of Wales would shortly visit India. He regretted his absence from the Durbar and sent his greetings to his Indian people. In conclusion King Edward says:

"I renew the assurances of my regard for the liberties of the Indian people; of my respect for their dignities and rights; of my interests in their advancement, and of my devotion to their welfare. These are the supreme aims and objects of my rule which, under the blessing of Almighty God, will lead to the increasing prosperity of my Indian Empire and to the greater happiness of its people."

As the viceroy finished reading the King's words the assembled people broke into cheers for the King and Emperor. The cheering was taken up by the multitude outside the amphitheatre and was long sustained.

A CUBAN HOMICIDE.

Congressman Corona Shot and Killed Senor Insula at Santiago.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SANTIAGO, CUBA., Jan. 1.—Congressman Corona, editor of the *Cuban Libre*, shot and instantly killed Senor Insula, editor of the *Republic*, at 11 o'clock this morning. Both men were prominent politicians and leaders of rival parties. Senor Corona was drinking in a cafe when Senor Insula and a party of friends entered the place and began a political discussion. Personalities and insults followed and quickly started a fight with canes, during which Senor Corona suddenly drew a revolver and shot Senor Insula three times. Senor Corona walked away and has not yet been arrested. The shooting has caused great excitement here.

DEADLY TOY PISTOLS.

Caused Death of Four Young Boys Since Christmas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 1.—Four young boys, three white and one colored, have died in Norfolk since Christmas of tetanus, or lockjaw, caused by burns received in the firing of toy pistols, charged with blank cartridges. To-night George Wright, employed by Norfolk morning newspapers, as Associated Press messenger, who wounded himself Christmas morning, was attacked by the disease, and is reported to be in a dying condition. Municipal legislation is proposed, to prohibit the sale of the weapons in the future.

NEW YEAR'S AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Roosevelt's Reception Most Brilliant Event in Washington's Social History.

EVERYBOBY WAS WELCOMED.

No Distinctions Were Made Except Such as Were Necessary—The Total Number of Callers Was a Little Short of Seven Thousand.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt's new year's reception was one of the most brilliant events in Washington's recent social history. All callers were afforded the opportunity of greeting the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and exchanging with them the compliments of the new year. No distinctions were made except such as were rendered necessary in the preservation of order, and the greetings extended to all—high and low, rich and poor—were alike cordial and sincere.

To day the general public, for the first time, had an opportunity to see the widely heralded improvements in the White House—improvements which when completed will have cost about $500,000. In addition to a desire personally to wish the President and Mrs. Roosevelt a happy new year, hundreds of persons were attracted to the reception by a wish to see the house in its new and handsome interior finish and furnishing. To many who were familiar with the interior of the mansion as it was a-year ago, the changes made were a revelation. While in a general way the form of the interior has been retained, in beauty and effectiveness it is wholly different.

Just 102 years ago to-day, President John Adams and his wife opened the White House with a new year's reception to their friends and to the public generally. The dawn of the first fete day within the walls since become historic, was accompanied by the noise of saw and hammar, as was this day. On account of the unfinished condition of the lower floor President and Mrs. Adams received their guests in the room on the second floor, now occupied by President Roosevelt as a library. While the improvements now are more nearly completed than was the mansion itself at that time, it will be several months before the workmen will have finished their task.

Myriads of Electric Lights.

An hour before the time for the formal reception to begin the mansion was aglow with myriads of electric lights. To the brilliancy of the great crystal chandeliers and the splendor of the new furnishings was added the beauty of the floral decorations, which although few as compared with previous New Year's receptions at the White House, were arranged with consummate art and effectiveness. Towering palms of rare varieties were placed in niches about the vestibule, main corridor and stair cases. Two great square masses of American and English holly were arranged between the vestibule and main corridor, affording a brilliant and effective background for the handsome scarlet uniforms of the marine band, sixty pieces strong, which occupied tiers of seats in the vestibule. In the Blue and Green rooms and in the splendid East room were deposited vases containing cut flowers, principally large white lilies and lilies of the valley. Here and there poinsetta blossoms showed splashes of flaming red.

It was a merry day for the Roosevelt children. Prior to the reception they had a jolly time in the lower part of the house. They manifested the liveliest interest in all the arrangements.

The Receiving Party.

Shortly before 11 o'clock, the hour at which the reception began, the Diplomatic corps began to assemble in the Red room. The members of the corps entered the mansion from the south-side, as usual, in order to avoid the crush of the throng already gathered about the main entrance on the north side.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the trumpeters of the marine band sounded a fanfare announcing the approach of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the immediate receiving party. President Roosevelt with Mrs. Roosevelt on his arm, descended the main staircase and passing across the main corridor and through the green room entered the Blue room where the guests were received. Following them came the members of the cabinet and their accompanying ladies. The receiving party was arranged in the arc of a circle in the bow window of the blue room. Facing them were the ladies invited to assist at the reception. Between the two sections of the receiving party a lane was formed by cordons of old gold velvet. Through this lane the callers passed from the Red room proceeding through the Green room into the East room and thence down the staircase into the great terrace. The President was in excellent spirits, and Mrs. Roosevelt never seemed happier or more gracious. The President was attired in a frock suit and the only dash of color about his attire was a tie of grayish tint. Mrs. Roosevelt wore a gown of ecru lace over blue mousseline de soe, Miss Roosevelt a white gown with lace.

The receiving party having assembled in the Blue room the President and Mrs. Roosevelt cordially greeted each one of the party and those behind the line. The President's greeting to the members of his cabinet was marked by particular cordiality.

This ceremony over, the reception proper began. The introductions were made by Colonel Theodore Bingham, the President's military aide, assisted by Major Charles McCawley, Captain John R. Proctor, Jr., and Lieutenant Frank McCoy. The officers were in full dress uniform.

The Diplomatic Corps.

The members of the diplomatic corps were received first. As dean of the corps, Herr von Holleben, the German Ambassador, occupied the post of honor at the head of the line. All of the ambassadors and ministers were accompanied by their entire suites, their uniforms weighted with a wealth of gold lace and rich ornamentation and decorations.

Mr. Coustantin Brun was the first of the ministers to be received, he having the distinction of being the senior minister. Cuba was represented to-day for the first time, Senor Gonzales de Quesada having the honor of extending the first greetings of a new year to the President on behalf of the new island republic. In all thirty-five embassies and legations were represented at the reception.

Soon after the Diplomatic corps had been received, Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay left the receiving line and repaired to their own residence at Sixteenth and LaFayette Square, where at noon they received and entertained at luncheon the entire foreign diplomatic representation in the city.

After the diplomats President and Mrs. Roosevelt received the Supreme Court of the United States, headed by Chief Justice Fuller. All of the justices were accompanied by the ladies of their households.

Congressmen Received.

At 11:30 o'clock the reception of Senators, Representatives and delegates in Congress began. Seemingly, there were fewer than in some former years, owing largely to the fact that a majority of the congressman have not returned to Washington from their holiday vacation.

Following the congressional came the military contingent. General Miles, who is in China, en route home from a tour of the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey, who is in command of the combined fleets at Culebra island, who led the military procession to the White House last year, were both absent. Major General Young, next in rank to General Miles, accompanied by Major General Corbin, adjutant general of the army, led the line of army officers, who preceded the naval officers. At the head of the latter were Rear Admirals Remey and Melville.

The Army Officers

appeared for the first time as a body in their new dress uniforms. The cap with flaring top which has taken the place of the old cap, which was inclined to lose shape with wear, is a distinctive feature of the change. The frocks are elaborately ornamented, thus producing a more showy effect, as was noticeable to-day.

At the conclusion of this feature of the reception, various departmental officials were received. In this section Vice Governor Luke Wright, of the Philippines, was a notable figure. The President gave him a most cordial greeting.

At 1 o'clock the reception to citizens generally began. For hours hundreds of people of all ages, colors, sexes and conditions had been waiting in line to greet the President and to receive his greeting. The line passed slowly through the main entrance of the White House across the corridor into the red room and thence past the President and party in the blue room.

The General Public.

The throng was typically American, happy, fine looking and well dressed. The weather throughout the reception was so delightful that none suffered any discomfort or inconvenience from the long wait in line which many of them had. There was no hurrying, and some times slight delays occurred as the President or Mrs. Roosevelt exchanged pleasantries with particular friends. Occasionally the President varied the formality of the receiving by inviting, as a special compliment, some personal friend or dignitary of rank to take place with the receiving party.

Mrs. Roosevelt endured the long strain of the reception admirably. A few minutes before the close of the reception Mrs. Roosevelt, not knowing how long it might yet continue, left the President's side and was escorted by Captain Cowles to luncheon in the private apartments of the mansion.

The gates were closed at 2:25 o'clock, the line by that time having passed within the grounds. The reception of callers was concluded at 2.34 P. M. The President after chatting a few minutes with the receiving party, retired to his private apartments for luncheon. According to program the reception should have ended at 2 o'clock but the President directed that all persons in line should be afforded an opportunity of entering the White House and being received. The total number of callers fell a trifle short of seven thousand.

The President extended a cordial greeting and handshake to each one. He was particularly interested in the babies, many of whom were carried by their parents. At the conclusion of the reception the President manifested little fatigue.

The police arrangements were under the personal supervision of Major Sylvester, and Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service was present with agents of his corps. The detectives permitted no one to pass the line with a hand in a pocket or covered.

THE COAL FAMINE.

Its Effect on the People of Maryland, the Virginias and District of Columbia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—The effect of the coal famine on the four million people of Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia, is told in dispatches to to-morrow's *Herald*. Few towns are supplied with anthracite and in many there is a shortage of all kinds of fuel. In the smaller towns the residents substitute wood for coal, but in the larger this has not been possible. In some entire counties nothing but wood is used. At some points near the coal fields such as Roanoke, coal is higher than at points more distant from the mines. In West Virginia, owing to the wide distribution of coal producing areas, there is not likely to be much distress. Although the industries are suffering, Washington and Baltimore are getting along with soft coal at advanced prices, but Washington is no better off than many of the smaller towns. The commerce of both Baltimore and Norfolk is suffering because of the shortage.

GANS-GARDINER FIGHT.

Decision Given to Gans in the Eleventh Round at New Britain, Conn.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW BRITAIN, CONN., Jan. 1.—After repeatedly warning Gus Gardiner, of Philadelphia, Referee John Willis gave Joe Gans, of Baltimore, the decision, in the eleventh round of a bout scheduled for twenty rounds before the National Athletic Club to-day.

Gans was on the defensive from the start, but Gardiner danced around the ring from his opponent for five rounds and showed no inclination to mix it up. In the fifth round Gans succeeded in landing several good blows on Gardiner with telling effect. In the sixth Gardiner came back with the tactics which characterized the first few rounds of the bout and relied on his foot work to escape Gans. The referee repeatedly warned Gardiner, who clinched at every opportunity, but with little effect. In the eleventh round Gardiner caught Gans about the waist and threw him heavily to the floor. Referee Willis immediately stopped the bout and gave the decision to Gans. Fifteen hundred persons witnessed the fight.

NEGRO ROBBER KILLED.

Shot by a White Woman in Her House Near Deatsville, Ala.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DEATSVILLE, ALA., Jan. 1.—Mrs. B. Lane, a white woman, to-day shot and killed a negro named John Watkins, at the home of Mrs. Lane's father, about a mile from this place. Watkins had entered the house, supposedly with the intention of robbery. Discovered by Mrs. Lane, he fired upon her, but missed. Mrs. Lane then emptied both barrels of a gun into the negro's body, killing him instantly. The dead man was a former convict.

San Francisco and Honolulu exchanged their first word by cable at 11:03 P. M. last night. The signals were good.

JACK O'BRIEN'S FIGHT WITH AL. WEINIG.

Won by O'Brien in the Twelfth Round Weinig Terribly Punished—Contest One-sided All Through.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 1.—It took Jack O'Brien twelve rounds to dispose of Al. Weinig before the International Athletic Club at Fort Erie to-day. The Buffalo man went down and out in the middle of the twelfth, after receiving a terrific right hand upper cut and a shove which banged his head against the floor and made his arising within the ten seconds an impossibility.

The contest was one-sided all through. Weinig did not land a score of clean blows throughout the twelve rounds, while O'Brien, with stinging jabs, cutting swings and stunning counters played on the Buffalo man wherever and whenever he pleased. But Weinig's vitality and well known powers of recuperation and ability to stand punishment enabled him to stand on his feet and take all the grueling until the finishing punch.

O'Brien fought the fastest twelve rounds ever seen before the Fort Erie club. He was in action every second, feinting, shifting, dancing in and out and piling in the blows on the husky "biker," and although he landed a sufficient number of times on Weinig's jaw to have won a half dozen fights, he seemed to lack a blow powerful enough to knock him out. Weignig was knocked down clean in the first round and was hanging on the ropes in the second and fourth rounds, but his strength held him until O'Brien had literally cut his face to ribbons, closed both eyes and wore him down until he was unable to protect himself or do damage to his opponent. O'Brien did all the fighting, Weinig seldom attempting a lead. O'Brien finished without a scratch and Weinig was out.

The betting was at prohibitive odds in O'Brien's favor, although much money was won on the proposition of Weinig staying ten rounds, which he had backed himself liberally to do.

SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

All Available Troops Assembled to Protect the Capital.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, January 1.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Tangier says a courier from Fez has arrived there, bringing a letter dated December 26th, saying that the pretender was then four hours from Fez. All available troops had left the capital to defend the approaches to the city. The Christians in Fez were all reported to be safe.

WARM WIRELETS

The Pipe Line Company, Corsicana, Texas, has posted a bulletin advancing crude petroleum of light grade from $1.01 to $1.06 per barrel.

Fifty-eight lives were lost in a fire in a coal mine at Bachmut, Yekatorinoslav province, Russia. Eleven men were rescued, after having been sixty hours in the burned mine.

James Christian Lamb, ex-judge of the chancery court, and a prominent citizen and lawyer of Richmond, Va., died yesterday after an illness of some three months, in the fiftieth year of his age.

The London *News* announces that the claim of May Yohe for $45,000, against the estate of Lord Francis Hope, has been settled amicably. The terms of the settlement have not been published.

Associate Justice Wm. A. Little, of the Supreme Court of Georgia, has tendered his resignation to Gov. Terrell. The Governor named Joseph R. Lamar, of Augusta, to succeed Judge Little. Ill-health was the cause of the resignation.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dockery, wife of Governor Dockery, of Missouri, who for several weeks had been suffering from an affection of the heart, died yesterday. Mrs. Dockery was born in 1850. She was a native of Missouri and a lineal descendant of Commodore Perry.

"Creeping Bear," a full blood Cheyenne Indian, is a prisoner at Memphis, awaiting the result of injuries inflicted upon George Millard, an ex policeman. Creeping Bear struck Millard with a tomahawk. The wounded man was taken to the hospital, where his life is despaired of.

It is announced by an official of the Vogeman Steamship Company that arrangements have been perfected between his company and the Seaboard Air Line for the direct shipment of foreign freight from the port of Norfolk on bills of lading issued direct from point of shipment and that a regular schedule of weekly sailings would be maintained hereafter.

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